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## REAL ESTATE DEALS INVOLVING NINE THOUSAND DOLLARS

### Four Transfers Made Last Friday By Tom Boatright

#### Kanady Ranch Traded for the Torres Places in La Luz Canon

Real estate transfers and sales of property valued at almost nine thousand dollars were made last Friday by T. M. Boatright. One of the transfers was the exchange of 20 acres by B. B. Kanady to T. J. Torres, for 100 acres in La Luz canon. The Kanady property is southeast of town, adjoining Mr. Boatright's place on the south, and the land is cleared but not yet in cultivation. The Torres property in La Luz canon comprises 40 acres of tillable land and has its own water. Mr. Kanady paid a bonus of \$400.

A second deal was the transfer by B. B. Kanady of 90 acres of his home place to Jose Torres for 100 acres in La Luz canon. The Kanady place has 20 acres in cultivation, including the 10 acres in orchard and vineyard. The Torres property has 40 acres in cultivation, including the orchard, principally of apple trees, many of them 18 and 20 years old. Present indications are that many of the apple trees will yield a thousand pounds each.

A third transaction was the sale of the Ben Brooks place to

## GOOD SUGGESTIONS TO SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Recommendations as to Employing Teachers

### DON'T FEAR TO ASK QUESTIONS

Success of School Depends Upon the Teacher

The time is near when most of the schools will employ their teachers for another year. This is one of the most responsible duties that the school boards have to perform. They cannot be too careful. The teacher, once employed, is pretty hard to change before the contract is finished. Getting the right teacher in the right place means great gain to your community, while getting the wrong teacher means a loss that dollars cannot replace.

If you have an opportunity to employ the teacher that you have every reason to believe will suit you, employ her. But do not be too timid about asking personal questions. You have a right to know. You owe it to yourself and your community to know. The future of your children is largely influenced by your action in this matter. Ask the applicant about morals, personal habits, religious attitude, training, experience, and success. If the applicant hums and haws about answering any of these vital points, you had better look a little further before you commit yourself.

These are scores of teachers knocking for admittance into Otero county. We have already some of as good, earnest, conscientious, competent, character-building teachers as you can find anywhere. If you have one of this kind in your community, keep her if you can. Better pay a higher price for the right teacher, and have a shorter term of school than to make a mistake, get the wrong teacher, and have a longer term. Better have a six months' term of school with a teacher who can inspire your

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## IMPRESSIVE SERVICE AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dr. Gass and Rev. E. E. Mathes Conduct Service

### INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION

The Local Pastors and Musicians Participate

A service that was beautiful and rarely impressive was held at the Presbyterian church Tuesday evening, when Rev. James Alexander Armstrong and Dr. Jesse G. Holmes were formally installed and received the charges, as pastor and ruling elder, respectively, of this congregation. Dr. J. R. Gass of Albuquerque offered the prayer of installation and delivered the charge to the pastor. Rev. E. E. Mathes of Artesia conducted the ordination of the ruling elder and delivered the charge to the congregation. Mr. Mathes used for the text of a powerful sermon: "The Lament of the Unsaved Soul."

The service of course was longer than the ordinary service, but the large congregation never for a moment lost its interest. Rev. George H. Givan, pastor of the M. E. Church, South, and Rev. G. W. Phillips, former pastor of the Christian church, took part in the services. Special music added greatly to the service. There were solos by Mrs. W. D. Taggart and Mrs. H. B. Seamons. Mrs. Robinson played the organ voluntary, Miss Hartman the violin obligato for Mrs. Taggart's solo.

#### Presbyterian Church Services

Our eleven a. m., and eight p. m. services for May fifth will be "Guilty of Eternal Sin," and "God's Cleansing Men for Glory."

Welcome to all worshipping with us.

J. A. ARMSTRONG.

Mrs. W. J. Davis left Monday morning for Cloudcroft to supervise the overhauling of the Virginia hotel which she will manage this season.

## FIRE WEDNESDAY THREATENED UPPER END OF ALAMOGORDO

### Efficient Work of Firemen Prevented Further Damage

#### Saulsberry had no Insurance and Suffered the Greatest Loss

The biggest fire that Alamogordo ever has had, and that threatened to destroy two or three blocks east of Maryland

avenue and south of ninth street was discovered at 10:40 Wednesday morning. When the members of the fire department, and others, responding to the alarm, reached the scene, J. P. Saulsberry's blacksmith shop and T. A. Murphrey's wood yard, just east, were a mass of flames. The big barn and stable building, to the south, standing on the corner of Maryland and Ninth, was on fire throughout the inside of the entire building, which had a fifty foot front.

The old and the new volunteer fire departments, without difference or distinction, moved to the fire without the loss of a minute of time. Coupling was made to the hydrant on the corner and the first stream turned on the shed and wood piles at Murphrey's place, because only a few feet of space protected the parsonage of Grace Methodist church and the church building from the flames of the wood yard. Streams from garden plugs were also turned on the parsonage.

A second fire line was coupled to the same plug and a stream turned on the rear of the stable. Streams from garden plugs were then put into service to protect the buildings surrounding on three sides. The flames circulating through the stable, aided by a slight wind from the west, made the heat in the avenue so intense that the firemen were forced to retreat and leave the hose string which was first put into play.

During the momentary breeze, the building directly across the avenue, caught from the big live sparks. This building was of frame, and filled with lumber and supplies owned by the McRae Lumber Co. The flames spread rapidly in this building and here the greater part of the

fire fighting force was concentrated. When the breeze began blowing from the west, work was commenced to protect W. E. Carmack's residence, which stood just across the avenue from the blacksmith shop. After the lumber shed caught fire, the efforts were redoubled, and for some twenty minutes it seemed an impossibility to save the residence. Men with buckets and the garden hose had held the fort until the fire hose could be brought to the rescue. At 11:35, after fifty-five minutes of the most stubborn fighting, the fire in the lumber shed had been put under control and all the adjacent buildings were considered safe.

The losses are as follows: stable and barn on the corner, owned by Frank Stewart of El Paso, total loss, with no insurance; blacksmith shop and all contents, owned by J. P. Saulsberry, total loss, with no insurance; Murphrey's wood shed and contents of yard, total loss, with no insurance; frame shed and 'dobe building in rear of stable, owned by Frank Stewart, no insurance; building on opposite corner, owned by McRae Lumber Co., building total loss and contents loss through damage at least seventy five per cent., covered by \$2,500.00 insurance. W. E. Carmack's furniture and furnishings somewhat damaged by removal.

A peculiarity of the Alamogordo fires is that they always occur when no wind is blowing. During the first half hour of the fire, just two minutes of wind from the south would have resulted in the loss of the Grace Methodist church and parsonage, the Crippen property and the Alamogordo hotel. The walls of the stable on the corner were of 'dobe, which prevented the spread of the flames to the buildings on the south.

#### Cattle Shipment Scheduled for May Tenth

Seventy-five cars have been ordered for the biggest cattle shipment of the season, which will be made on May tenth. The shipment will comprise some twenty five hundred head, and is being handled by W. L. Rutherford. The cattle will be shipped to Dalhart, Texas, and Dodge City, Kansas, to pasture. Two days or more will be required for the inspection and loading of a shipment of this size.

#### Pythian Sisters To Entertain This Evening

The local lodge of Pythian Sisters will give an ice cream social at the Beavers' hall this evening, Thursday. Ice cream will be served in sterilized dishes, and cake will go with it. There will be a musical program rendered, to be followed by a social dance. A ticket will cost only twenty-five cents, and will entitle the holder to all he can get away with.

#### Improvements in Southwestern

C. C. Woods, general superintendent of the Alamogordo Lumber Co., returned to Cloudcroft Wednesday morning, after having made contracts for the remodeling of the Southwestern cafe and some other repairs and improvements of the building. The dining room will be remodeled and the entire outside of the building repainted.

A party of Roswell people, traveling in a Jackson car, arrived here Friday night and left Saturday morning for Arizona points. In the party were: H. L. Coleman, Louis Lenox, Russell Long, James Long, Clay Long.

#### New Bank to be Opened at Tularosa

Plans have been almost completed for a new bank which will be established at Tularosa. W. H. Land, formerly president of the National Bank of Commerce at Clayton, is at work on the plans of organization for the new institution. Mr. Land is a banker of experience and no doubt will have a creditable institution in operation within a very short time.

#### Sanchez-Chavez

Miss Herlinda Chavez was married at half-past two last Saturday afternoon to Mr. Paul S. Sanchez. The wedding occurred at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Candelaria S. de Chavez, Rev. Wm. Cooksey, pastor of the First Baptist church, performing the ceremony.

Both of these young people have been residents of Alamogordo and are well known. The groom is a son of Rev. and Mrs. J. G. Sanchez. He was at one time employed as a compositor on The News force and is now employed at the tie treating plant.

#### Cloudcroft Season Opening

The formal opening of the resort season at Cloudcroft will be on June first, when the Lodge will be opened. It is reported that daily train service on the Cloudcroft road will be resumed on May fifteenth, but Trainmaster Fairbank said Monday that his office had not yet received official notice as to daily service. The summer excursion rates will go into effect on May fifteenth in order to permit the cottage owners to have everything in readiness by June first.

## THE FIREMAN BOYS

By GEORGE H. GIVAN

Three cheers for the Boys of Alamogordo!  
As to their task they leap and bound.  
Like giants they seize the rubber hose,  
Then on the fire the water pours.

Three cheers for the Boys of Alamogordo!  
Who volunteer without reward.  
No angry flames can give them fear  
While fighting for our Homes so dear.

Three cheers for the Boys of Alamogordo!  
No daring odds can drive them back.  
The glaring heat glows all in vain,  
The choking smoke they dare disdain.

Three cheers for the Boys of Alamogordo!  
Like Knights of old they stand erect.  
A band of Heroes, tried and true  
They risk their lives for me and you.

Three cheers for the Boys of Alamogordo!  
Strong and manly, brave and true.  
And only may they always fight  
For all things noble, good and right.

## SHAKESPEARE CLUB

The Shakespeare Club met Friday afternoon with Miss Peregrine. A short business meeting was followed by an hour and a half profitably spent in continuing the reading of "William Shakespeare, Poet, Dramatist and Man." The meeting closed with a short drill in pronunciation.

At the next meeting, May tenth, Mrs. C. H. Waldschmidt will be hostess. This meeting, being the final one of the year, will be of unusual interest. A special program of music and other attractions has been arranged, and an afternoon of profitable entertainment is promised. All members are urged to be present.

Dr. Henry Easter of El Paso conducted services at the Episcopal church last Sunday evening.

## FRIDAY LITERARY CIRCLE

The last regular meeting of the Friday Literary Circle was held at the home of Dr. M. Ione Hulett April 26. The report of the committee on program was adopted and other business was transacted before taking up the enjoyable study of the lesson. A special study period will be observed Friday, May 3, at the home of Mrs. H. B. Seamons.

The annual picnic is scheduled to take place May 10. This event closes the year's work and is always looked forward to with a great deal of pleasure. Invitations have been issued to many friends of the circle and the final meeting will no doubt be a large as well as a pleasant one.

W. L. Rutherford returned Wednesday afternoon from Dalhart, where he went with a shipment of cattle.